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SUBJECT: New Quality Control Minister Boasts Anti-Corruption  
Credentials

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11. (SBU) Summary: On September 21, China sacked General Administration on Quality, Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) Minister Li Changjiang in the aftermath of China's biggest ever food and product safety scandal, the widespread contamination of milk products with the industrial chemical melanine, which sickened more than 50,000 children and killed four. China rapidly identified a successor, State Council Deputy Secretary General Wang Yong, who has recent experience in anti-corruption and the placement of corporate executives at state-owned enterprises (SOEs), and whose background is in the aerospace industry. The State Council held a planning meeting September 17 and is preparing a post-crisis action plan. End Summary.

12. (SBU) Party mouthpiece China Daily highlighted the anti-corruption credentials of Li's replacement, who had joined the State Council in early 2008. From 2003 to 2007, Wang was a Director in the Central Party Committee (CPC) and a member of the CPC's Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, which plays a key role in rooting out corruption. Wang concurrently served as the Vice Chairman and Deputy Party Secretary of China's State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission (SASAC). In this capacity, he led SASAC's First and Second Bureaus, which manage a pool of bureaucrats and party members detailed to the SOEs that SASAC administers and also approves the nomination of other SOE executives. In this capacity, Wang likely gained experience in corporate oversight. Prior to that, most of Wang's career has been spent in the aerospace industry. Contacts at SASAC declined to comment on Wang's tenure and provided the Embassy his official biography, below.

13. (U) The following is Wang Yong's biography from SASAC:

Comrade Wang Yong, Han national, was born in Gaizhou, Liaoning Province in 1955. He started his working career from August 1969 and joined the CPC in August 1974. Wang is a university postgraduate. He served as maintenance platoon chief of the Production and Construction Corps and a test fellow of adjustment workshop of No. 7 Ministry of Machinery Industry. He successively held the posts of competent technician, deputy workshop political instructor and Party branch secretary, deputy director of the Politics Department, Factory Assistant Director and Deputy Chief Economist, Factory Deputy Director, Factory Director and Deputy Party Secretary of No. 230 Factory under the Ministry of Space Industry. In April 1997, he was designated as Deputy Director-General of the Politics Department and Deputy Party Secretary of Beijing area of the China Aerospace Corporation. In April 1998, he was in charge of the Personnel, Labor and Education Bureau of the China Aerospace Corporation. In June 1999, he was designated as Vice President and member of the Party

committee of the China Aerospace Mechanical and Electrical Products Corporation. In November 2000, he was appointed as Director-General of the Office for Top Executives of Enterprises of the Ministry of Organization, CCCPC. Later in April 2001, he held the post of Director-General of the Fifth Bureau for Top Executives of Enterprises of the Ministry of Organization, CCCPC. He is Deputy Party Secretary of SASAC CPC Committee and Vice Chairman of SASAC. Mr. Wang Yong supervises the First Bureau for the Administration of Corporate Executives, the Second Bureau for the Administration of Corporate Executives, the Bureau of Party Building (CPC Committee Organization Department), and the Training Center.

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